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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Re: POSSIBLE INDICATIONS OF SOVIET INTENTIONS
TO INITIATE GENERAL WAR

Vice-Consul Lazarz Abramowicz of the Chicago Polish Consulate has just returned to the United States from Poland. According to a source of known reliability, Abramowicz expects war to commence in the near future. He has not expressed himself fully in regard to this matter but he has mentioned the following points which he believes are indications of Soviet intentions to start a war:

- 1) Military service has been extended one year for all those presently in the military service and others are being called up.
- 2) Appearance of increased numbers of individuals in uniform in the cities and villages.
- 3) Setting up of security zones. The entire coastal area is now inaccessible to the general public where heretofore only certain areas were zoned. Also, various areas within Poland, especially around certain factories, have been made inaccessible to the general public.
- 4) The Polish Government is stockpiling foodstuffs.
- 5) Unrest among the Peasants. The Peasants are refusing to market their products and are hoarding. (An informant of known reliability who has lived in Poland almost all of his life and has made several trips to Poland since 1946, explained that the Peasant class of Poland is usually a good barometer of an impending war. The sons of Peasants are under compulsory military training and any deviations from the normal routine is immediately reflected from the reactions of the Peasants. The informant pointed out that this unrest may, in part, be due to the broadcasts of the Voice of America and the British Broadcasting Company.)
- 6) Stepped-up propaganda. Abramowicz stated that he was amazed at the amount of propaganda disseminated. The primary purpose of the propaganda is to convince the Poles that America is weak, that America is wicked, and that no one will fight for America except Americans. Also, that Britain and France will not fight on the side of America.

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On the other hand, the propaganda points out that Russia is invincible. To put this point across, military parades are held frequently displaying a few excellently equipped units. Also MIG planes are seen frequently in varying numbers. The purpose is to convince the Poles that if they want to survive the next war, they must side with the Soviets because the Soviets will win.

Abramowicz related that the propaganda is directed toward securing the cooperation of all Poles as indicated by the propaganda which states, "Victory is with Russia. If you want to survive the next war, be with us. We will win."

7) American Consulates closed. Abramowicz stated that the American Consulates at Poznan and Szczecin have been closed.

8) German rearmament. Abramowicz related that the question of how soon a war will break out will depend upon the German question. Abramowicz related, "If America openly rearms Germany on a large scale, I am almost certain Russia will start a war immediately. If war comes, we will win. I expect the war to come soon."

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